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Bogorudov (N51/F34) (See Enclosure 1)

1. Lively military activity was observed in the garrison which is supposed to be three thousand men strong. An official training center is located in the former cloister. [redacted] Officers of various combat arms were [redacted] served in the center. [redacted] About 100 men conducted training at the training grounds [redacted]

Terlice lazno - Cechach (N51/F34)

2. There is no military unit stationed in the town. The exact location of the OVV (Okrašni vojske velitelstvi) (District Military Command) and the SNB headquarters is shown on Enclosure 1.

Litomerice (N51/P53) (See Enclosure 2(a))

3. [redacted] many officers and enlisted men with infantry, tank corps, engineer corps, AA artillery, and IS shoulder boards were observed in town. A group of eight Air Force officers on the town square were discussing a course which they were attending in Litomerice.

4. North of the town is a large restricted military area. An underground ammunition factory which was built during World War II is located within this area. [redacted]

5. New casernes were being built adjacent to the casernes on the east side of the town. The construction had progressed well and some of the buildings were already completed.

Terezin (N51/F53)

6. There is an engineering unit in the garrison. The unit is commanded by

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7. On 24 September 1953 the garrison seemed to be full of troops. Most of the troops were engineers. Observed military installations are shown on Enclosure 2(b).

Velvetv (N51/F34)

8. Enclosure 3(a) shows restricted military areas. In area No. 1 is an underground factory for aircraft bombs and aircraft components. The areas are guarded by military sentries and Interior Guards. Most of the troops observed in the area were AA artillery, the rest were signal corps and Air Force.

9. Southwest of Lbin (N51/F34) is a natural cavity in the earth called "Pek-lo". This cavity is used for testing aircraft bombs. nine explosions were observed, each followed by a high-reaching black column of smoke.

Most (N51/F13)

10. The barracks in Most (Enclosure 3(b), Pt. 1) are occupied by infantry and a unit with brown shoulder boards. The barracks area has a rectangular form with sides 310 and 312 meters long. The barracks consist of two-, three-, and four-storied brick buildings, garages, and a garden.
11. An airfield is situated north of Stalin Works. Although it belongs to the plant, it is occupied by the Air Force. seven planes, each towing one glider, were observed over the airfield.

Telnice (N51/F35)

12. An engineer unit is quartered in the northwestern part of Telnice, just north of the railroad. the unit was about 300 men strong. Most of the men were of the 1918 class, and older, and were on a four-week refresher training. this unit was building a pontoon bridge across the river Elbe about one kilometer south of Zalezli (N51/F44). The bridge was about 100 meters long and was assembled by 90 men in 17 minutes and 35 seconds. The finished bridge was tested for crossing by a tank.

Zatec (N51/F10)

13. An unidentified tank unit is stationed in the town.

PS Units in the Cinovec (N51/F25) Area

14. A PS unit is quartered in Cinovec. It occupies three two-storied buildings located opposite the Cinovec pit. The frontier area around Cinovec is restricted to civilian population.
15. A PS unit of undetermined strength is quartered in Poustovice (N51/F35).
16. A PS unit 147 men strong is quartered in Horni Krupka (N51/F35).
17. A PS unit about 250 men strong is quartered in Dubi (N51/F24).

Maneuvers in Pribram (N50/L63) Area

18. Large-scale maneuvers called "Ministerske cviceni" (Ministry maneuvers) took place in the Brdy forests west of Pribram. The maneuvers lasted from Live ammunition was used and many important persons were present, including President Zapotocky, members of the Government and high Party officials.

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1. Comment. According to a previous unconfirmed report of July 1963, the garrison was about 2,000 men strong.

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2. Comment. It was reported in summer 1952 that the World War II German-built underground factory in the former lime-stone quarry, which was abandoned after the war, would be re-opened.

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3. Comment. Col. GSC Ladislav Jilra is a pre-war engineer corps officer who graduated from the Military Academy in Hranice (P50/025) in 1937. He passed the General Staff College in Prague in 1947 and became Chief of Staff of Engineer Corps on the General Staff. Later he commanded the 2nd Engineer Regiment in Pisek (N50/069).

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4. Comment. The term "ministerske cvicani" (Ministry maneuvers) had appeared here before. Apparently it means maneuvers on a large scale. The Brdy forest area probably means the Jince (N50/L45) training area.

Enclosures:

Enclosure 1. Military Installations in the Teplice - Bohosudov Area (page 4).

Enclosure 2(a). Military Installations in Litomerice (page 5).

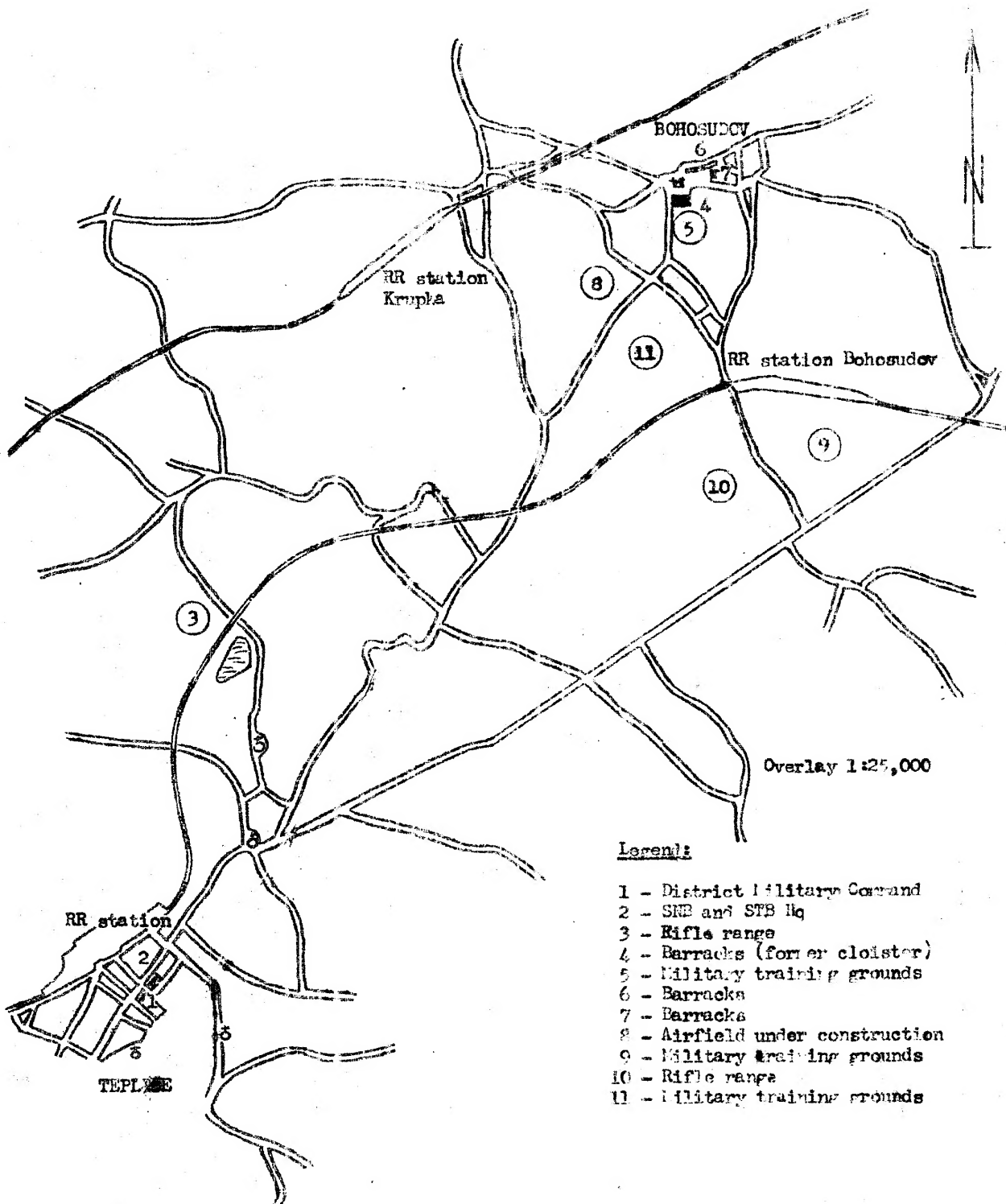
Enclosure 2(b). Military Installations in Terezin (page 5).

Enclosure 3(a). Military Installations in Velvety Area (page 6).

Enclosure 3(b). Barracks in Most (page 6).

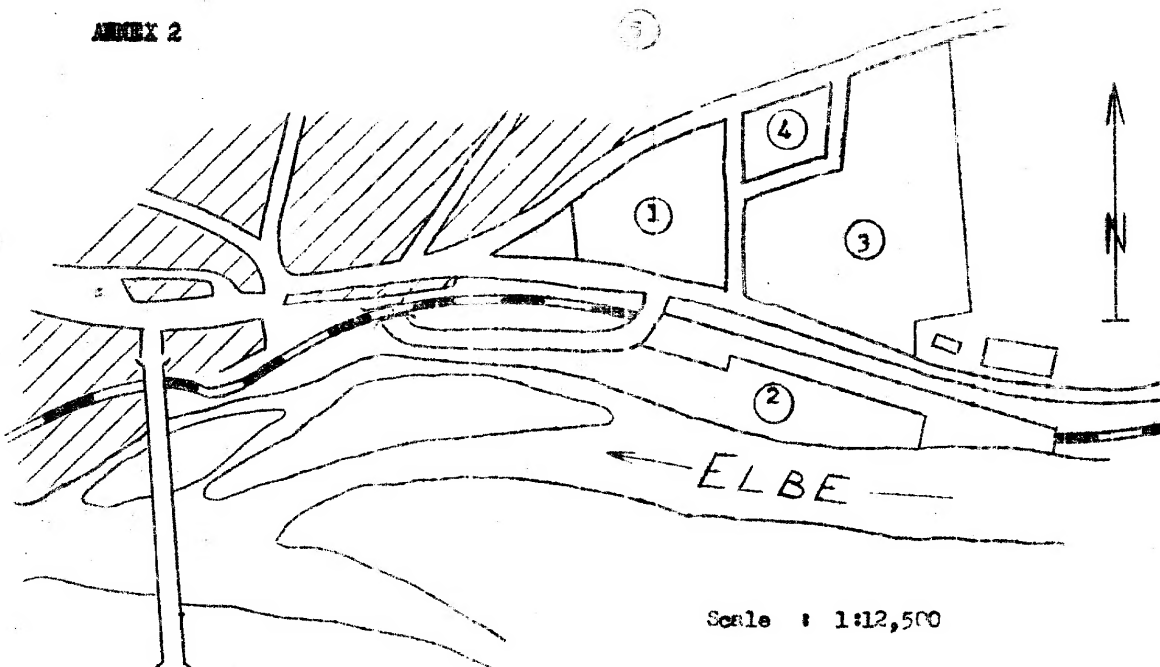
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ANNEX 1

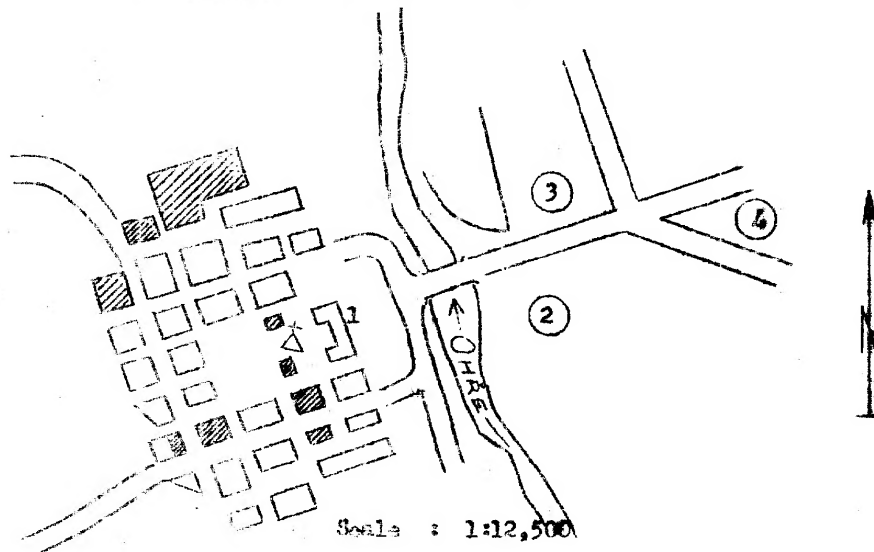
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE TEPLICE -
BOHOSUDOV AREA

~~SECRET~~(a) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN LITOMERICE

ANNEX 2

Legend:

- 1 - Barracks
- 2 - Military training grounds
- 3 - Military construction site
- 4 - Sport stadium
- 5 - Restricted military area

(b) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN TEREZINLegend:

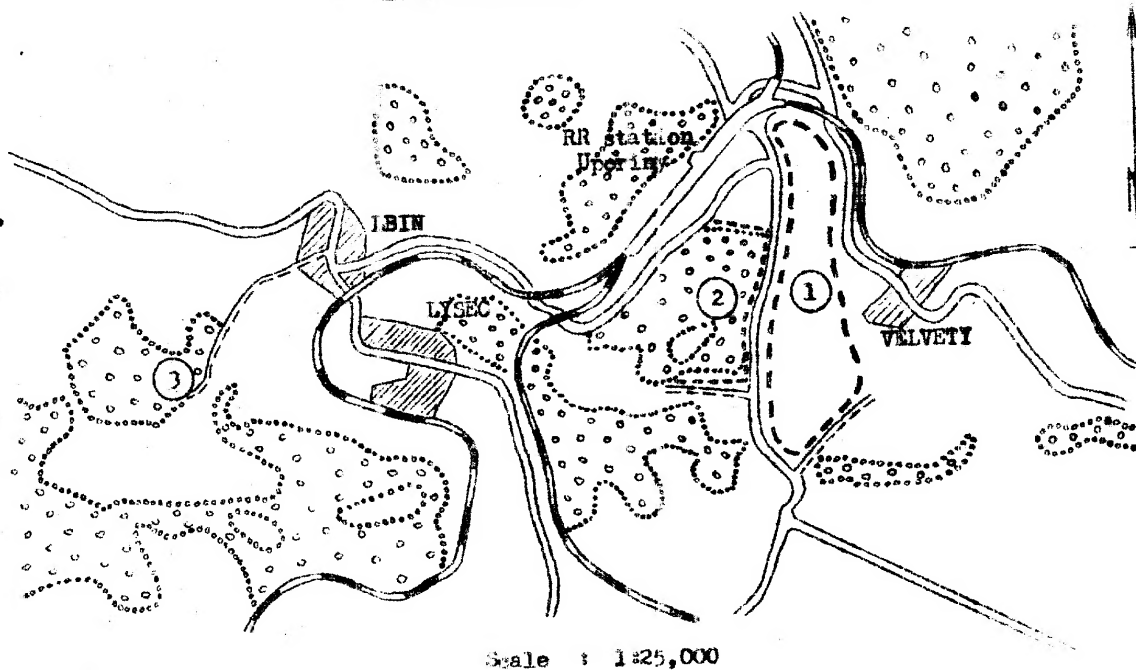
- 1 - "Pavlov" military hospital
- 2 - Garages
- 3 - Military labor camp
- 4 - National cemetery

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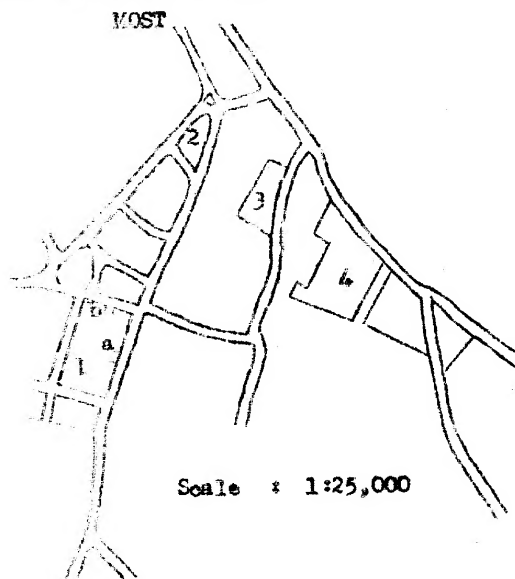
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ANNEX 3

(a) Military Installations in Velvety AreaLegend:

- 1 - Ammunition factory area
- 2 - Military area
- 3 - Bomb-testing site

(b) Barracks in MostLegend:

- 1 - Barracks
- 1a - Main entrance
- 1b - Entrance to HQ building
- 2 - Cemetery
- 3 - Cemetery
- 4 - Steel works

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